



Governor Charlie Baker  
Massachusetts State House  
Office of the Governor  
Room 280  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker,

We are writing to ask you to stand with Attorney General Maura Healey in her effort to enforce the Massachusetts assault weapons ban, which has been in place for 18 years.

As you know, AR-15 style assault weapons have killed hundreds of people in mass shootings across the country, including in Orlando, Newtown, Baton Rouge, San Bernardino, and Aurora. In the wake of these tragedies, we've witnessed too many empty expressions of sympathy, and too few elected officials who have had the courage to stand up to the gun lobby and actually do something.

In Massachusetts, Attorney General Healey has quickly and decisively curbed the sale of these deadly military-style weapons. She should be applauded for carrying out the will of the people.

Let us be very clear: if we prevent the Attorney General from taking action against the sale of copycat assault weapons, the ban means nothing. We might as well get rid of it.

We were deeply disappointed to see you question the Attorney General's action, which has finally given Massachusetts residents the full protection of the law.

Claims that her notice is unclear or that the Attorney General lacks authority to enforce this state law are the products of a wealthy and powerful gun lobby that does not speak for the vast majority of Americans, who overwhelmingly support banning assault weapons.

We aren't talking about hunting rifles or handguns here. We're talking about weapons of war that have been used -- time and again -- to commit acts of mass atrocity. If you do not stand with Attorney General Healey, you do not stand with us.

Sincerely,  
Brave New Films  
Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition  
Ceasefire Pennsylvania  
Ceasefire Oregon  
Chelsea Collaborative

Colorado Ceasefire  
CREDO Action  
Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence  
End the Madness  
Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence  
Gays Against Guns  
Grandmothers Against Gun Violence  
Greenwich Council Against Gun Violence  
GunControlToday  
Hoosiers Concerned About Gun Violence  
MA Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence  
MomsRising.org  
National Cathedral Gun Violence Prevention Group  
National Domestic Violence Hotline  
National Medical Council on Gun Violence  
Newtown Action Alliance  
North Carolinians Against Gun Violence  
Northwest Corner Committee for Gun Violence Prevention  
Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence  
One Pulse for America  
Parents for Public Safety  
Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence  
States United to Prevent Gun Violence  
Stop Handgun Violence  
The Campaign to Keep Guns off Campus  
Violence Policy Center